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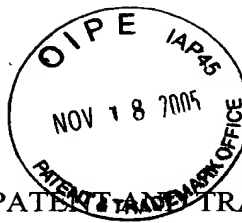
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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

Shigeyuki HAYASHI

Group Art Unit: 2861

Application No.: 09/820,704

Examiner: H. Tran

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Docket No.: 108962

For: INK SHEET CARTRIDGE AND EXCHANGEABLE INK-SHEET SET MOUNTED ON  
THE INK SHEET CARTRIDGE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/957,021, filed September 21, 2001, as a division of the instant application, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.
- ☒ 3. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

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- ☒ 4. Also enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,257,780, the patent from which U.S.S.N. 09/519,474 is a division.

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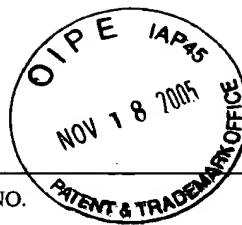
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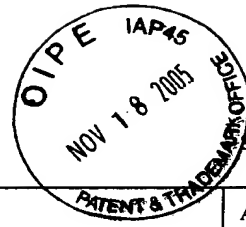
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